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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. Only a copy of the German article is enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

U.S. Patent No. 5,467,295

Messmer, Hans-Peter, "PC-Hardwarebuch", 1995

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Office Action, which is dated August 4, 2006, is enclosed.

An English-language translation of the Messmer article is in preparation. Accordingly, the original, German version of the article is submitted herewith. As soon as the translation is provided to Applicants' undersigned attorney, it will be submitted to the USPTO by way of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In addition, it is noted that EP 0 596 648, which was cited in the instant European Office Action, is not cited herein because it was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed February 17, 2006.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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